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**VIA ECF**

Honorable Katharine S. Hayden, U.S.D.J.  
United States Post Office and Courthouse  
1 Federal Square  
Newark, New Jersey 07101

**Re: *NXIVM Corporation v. Stephanie Franco, et al.*,  
Civil Action No. 2:06-cv-01051(KSH)(CLW)**

Dear Judge Hayden:

We represent Stephanie Franco in the above-referenced matter. We write in response to the Affidavit of Nancy Salzman, dated January 15, 2018 [D.E. 797-1], wherein Ms. Salzman informed the Court that neither she nor a representative of NXIVM will attend the trial currently scheduled for tomorrow, January 17, 2018. Plainly, NXIVM has not filed a Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice. Therefore, Ms. Franco intends to proceed at trial with the prosecution of her affirmative claims of fraud and consumer fraud against NXIVM and third-party defendant, Ms. Salzman.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Anthony J. Sylvester  
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cc: Hon. Cathy L. Waldor, U.S.M.J. (via ECF)  
Counsel of Record (via ECF)

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